

D. ADATSA - TREATMENT SERVICES

Purpose: To describe who is eligible for ADATSA treatment services, treatment limitations, and what services the department provides to clients in treatment.

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WAC 388-800-0055 What clinical incapacity must I meet to be eligible for ADATSA treatment services?

You are clinically eligible for ADATSA treatment services when you:

- (1) Are diagnosed as having a mild, moderate, or severe dependency on a psychoactive substance class other than nicotine or caffeine, using the current criteria for Psychoactive Substance Dependence in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association (DSM IV or its successor);
- (2) Are clearly diagnosed as currently dependent on psychoactive substances other than nicotine or caffeine;
- (3) Have not abstained from alcohol and drug use for the last ninety days, excluding days spent while incarcerated;
- (4) Have not been gainfully employed in a job in the competitive labor market at any time during the last thirty days. For the purposes of this chapter, "gainfully employed" means performing in a regular and predictable manner an activity for pay or profit. Gainful employment does not include noncompetitive jobs such as work in a department-approved sheltered workshop or sporadic or part-time work, if the person, due to functional limitation, is unable to compete with unimpaired workers in the same job; and
- (5) Are incapacitated, i.e., unable to work. Incapacity exists if you are one or more of the following:
 - (a) Currently pregnant or up to two months postpartum;
 - (b) Diagnosed as at least moderately psychoactive substance dependent and referred for treatment by child protective services;
 - (c) Diagnosed as severely psychoactive substance dependent and currently an intravenous drug user;

- (d) Diagnosed as severely psychoactive substance dependent and has at least one prior admission to a department-approved alcohol/drug treatment or detoxification program;
- (e) Diagnosed as severely psychoactive substance dependent and have had two or more arrests for offenses directly related to the chemical dependency; or
- (f) Lost two or more jobs during the last six months as a direct result of chemical dependency.

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WAC 388-800-0080 What are the time limits for receiving types of chemical dependency treatment through ADATSA?

- (1) You are limited to a maximum of six months (one hundred eighty total calendar days) of chemical dependency treatment in a twenty-four-month period.
- (2) The twenty-four-month period begins on the date of your initial entry into treatment.
- (3) You are limited to the following time periods for treatment:
 - (a) Intensive inpatient treatment, no longer than thirty days per admission;
 - (b) Recovery house treatment, no longer than sixty days per admission;
 - (c) Long-term care residential treatment, no longer than one hundred eighty days;
 - (d) ADATSA outpatient treatment no longer than one hundred eighty days.

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WAC 388-800-0100 What are the groups that receive priority for ADATSA services?

- (1) When assigning treatment admissions, the ADATSA/Adult assessment center:
 - (a) Gives first priority to you if you are a pregnant woman or a parent with a child under eighteen years old in the home;
 - (b) Provides priority access for admission if you are:
 - (i) Referred by the department's children's protective services (CPS) program; and/or
 - (ii) An injecting drug user (IDU).
- (2) If you are completing residential treatment you have priority access to outpatient treatment.

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

Clients who are financially eligible for GAU meet ADATSA financial eligibility requirements.

1. To qualify for ADATSA treatment the person must be:
 - a. Financially eligible for GAU;
 - b. Incapacitated by alcoholism or drug addiction as determined by a DASA designated "assessment center";
 - c. "Actively addicted" as defined in WAC 388-240-0020; and
 - d. Wanting and able to benefit from treatment.
2. The assessment center determines a course of treatment based on an individual assessment. Treatment may consist of residential or outpatient services or combination of the two.

3. An eligible ADATSA client may be placed directly into an outpatient program without having to go through any residential treatment.
4. While in ADATSA treatment the person is eligible for:
 - a. Medical Care Services coverage from the assessment date to the end of the continuum of treatment.
 - b. The Clothing, Personal and Incidentals (CPI) payment while in residential treatment. (See STANDARDS- congregate care standards.)
 - c. A living stipend while participating in ADATSA outpatient treatment, which is administered by the county.
 - d. Food assistance if financially and categorically eligible.
5. The department limits treatment to a total of 180 days in a 24-month period. The assessment center tracks the client's time in treatment. (See **Special Situations - Exceptions To Rules** in this category.)
6. A person's financial eligibility for ADATSA is based on the monthly facility rate plus CPI standard if the person is in residential treatment. Some clients with income over the payment standard will qualify for residential placement only. This occurs when the cost of a month's care plus the CPI exceeds the calculated monthly income with work incentives.
7. ADATSA recipients who are successfully participating in outpatient treatment are to be considered incapacitated for purposes of ADATSA eligibility, even if they become gainfully employed. They remain eligible for assistance through completion of treatment as long as their income does not exceed the financial eligibility payment standard after allowing the work disregards and incentives.
8. **DO NOT TRANSFER** an ADATSA treatment client in **any** phase of treatment.

NOTE: The **only** exception to this rule is for client transfers from the Mt. Vernon CSO for individuals who have been at Pioneer Center North. (See **Special Situations - Pioneer Center North** in this category.)

WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Compute countable income according to income policies for GAU clients. (See INCOME.)
2. Compute the person's participation (co-pay) by first applying any countable income to the CPI standard for congregate care. (See STANDARDS - congregate care)
 - a. The client must contribute any income in excess of the CPI standard toward the cost of care for all residential treatment, except intensive inpatient treatment - this is called "participation".
 - b. Participation begins the first full month following admission.
3. All ADATSA applicants must initiate an application for assistance through the CSO and not through the referring source or other means. This includes referrals from sources such as DETOX, the court system, treatment facilities, etc. The assessment centers must make sure the CSO has determined financial eligibility before an ADATSA assessment is made.
4. Determine financial eligibility for ADATSA in the same manner as for GAU. (The incapacity specialist determines if the person is ADATSA or GAU eligible.) The FSS:
 - a. Informs ineligible applicants that they may pursue treatment on their own through a community alcohol/drug center, or other local resources.
 - b. Initiates the R01C in ACES (DSHS 14-299(X) - ADATSA Referral Form) if the applicant is financially eligible.
5. The incapacity specialist completes the DSHS 14-118A(X) and sends it to financial services.
6. If the person is eligible, the FSS opens:
 - a. Medical back to the date of assessment; and
 - b. CPI (if residential), back to the date of admission.

ACES PROCEDURES

See Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Treatment and Support Act (ADATSA)